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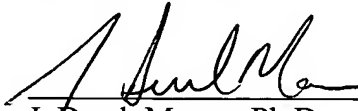
Claims 13-28 are pending in the present application. Original Claims 1-12 have been canceled, and new Claims 13-28 have been added. Original Claims 1-12 were based on the Article 34 Amendments. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. Particular support for new Claims 13, 16, 18-24 can be found in original Claims 1, 4, 6-12, respectively. Particular support for new Claims 14, 15 and 17 can be found in original Claims 2, 3 and 5, respectively, and in original Claim 6, and on page 13 of the specification. Particular support for new Claims 25 and 26 can be found in original Claim 4, and on page 12 of the specification. Particular support for new Claim 27 can be found in original Claim 3. Particular support for new Claim 28 can be found in original Claim 5. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the new claims.

The specification was amended, as shown above, to provide a paragraph regarding related applications. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the amendment to the specification.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and request early notice of such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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